

GRAND AND INSPIRING SPECTACLE

Battleships which Have Encircled the Globe

Reviewed by President Roosevelt

UNITED STATES FLEET WELCOMED HOME

President has Cordial Word of Greeting for Each and Every One—President Narrowly Missed a Fall which Might have Proved Serious—Details of Arrival of the Fleet—Ships will Remain in Roads for a Week.

Port Monroe, Va., Feb. 22.—Not until some American fleet returns victorious from a great sea battle will there be another such homecoming. Another such sight as this I drink to the American navy.

President Roosevelt today as he stood radiant in the cabin of the graceful liner, the cruiser, the battleship, the fleet, the conclusion of the review and the ceremonial attending the welcome home of the American fleet, was surrounded by the admirals and captains of the sixteen world-encircling vessels, brilliantly attired in all the gold lace and dress uniforms and every gaze was raised in response to the president's suggestion. "We stay-at-home also drink to the men who have made us prouder than ever of our country," added the president, and again the toast was pledged.

When the fleet sailed from San Francisco, Mr. President," replied Rear Admiral Charles H. Sperry, "you sent a message saying this was a heavy responsibility and a great honor. That we have today fulfilled the responsibility makes this the proudest moment of our lives. Any man, however, in speaking of the fleet, for no man could have done what has been done without the loyal and willing co-operation of every man on the fleet."

Thus briefly the commander in chief of the returning ships made his official report to the commander in chief of the army and the navy.

Enthusiastic Over Fleet's Safe and Triumphant Return.

The president was in the same joyous mood as he was when the ships set sail fourteen months ago, and to those who accompanied him, the departure of the fleet was a joyous occasion. The fleet, which had been under the American flag, he constantly expressed his enthusiasm for the safe and triumphant return of the fleet which was dispatched under his orders on a cruise which it was said was too hazardous for any such body of ships to undertake.

"Do you remember the president of the United States," asked the president, "Well, here they are, the fleet, returning after fourteen months without a scratch. Isn't it magnificent?"

Salute of 21 Guns.

To the men and the junior officers the president expressed his appreciation and the thanks of the country for the service which the fleet had rendered by making visits to the four divisions of the fleet, the Connecticut, the Louisiana, the Georgia, and the Mississippi.

On the Connecticut were gathered detachments of bluejackets from all the ships of that division, and the same was true of the other three divisions. Coming aboard the Connecticut with the crew manning the rails, the president's attention was attracted, and the after guard with the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner" and the forward gun firing a salute of 21 guns, the president, the president first passed down the line of officers along the starboard rail and had a cordial word of greeting for each and every one.

Mayflower, he had said a personal word of congratulation to all of the flag and commanding officers. Among them were the president's friends, the friends of the president, and these he warmly embraced after the formalities of the first salute had ended. Continuing during the reception on the Mayflower the president would take Admiral Sperry by the arm and lead him off to one of the many saloons for chat. On the Connecticut the president climbed up on the barbettes, or steel foundations of the after turret, with the president's friends, and in the shadow of those great guns he briefly addressed the crew.

President's Feet Slipped.

To reach the shelf of the barbettes, some five feet above the deck, the president had to step first upon a water hydrant. His foot slipped when he made the initial attempt, and he narrowly missed a fall which would have proved serious. As he finally made the gun platform, the crew cheered lustily. The president interposed his preparatory remarks to the president's friends, particularly caught the fancy of the men when he told them he was immensely satisfied with the work of the gunnery thus far accomplished.

"You have done it in smooth water," said the president, "but what I want to see next year is a great practice under the same conditions in rough water."

After the bluejackets on the after barbettes started cheering, the president caught up by the white gloves officers. "For if you ever have to fight," continued the president, "you can't choose your water."

First Battle Fleet Ever to Circumnavigate the Globe.

Again the men burst into cheers. Target practice is the subject nearest the sailor's heart today. The men are enthusiastic on anything pertaining to it, and the rivalry between the different ships both at record and battle practice is intense. The men cheered again when the president said that this was the first "battle fleet" ever to circumnavigate the globe, and that any other nation which attempted a similar performance must follow in the footsteps of America.

Three Cheers and a Tiger.

"You have done the trick," he exclaimed, and the quick response of the men brought a cheer which was as loud as the president's. "Other nations may follow," repeated the president, "but they have not yet begun to beat you."

The applause broke out again when the president declared of the cruise that "nobody after this will forget that the Atlantic coast is on the Pacific as well as on the Atlantic." When the president had finished and was about to be tipped over the side, to continue his cruise, the president's friends, a member of the crew proposed three cheers and a tiger. They were given with a vigor that fairly swept the chief executive off his feet, and as he bowed his acknowledgments he exclaimed: "If there were enough of you, I'd cheer for you."

Day Was Cold and Gray.

The day of the fleet's homecoming was cold and gray. Drizzling rain followed an early morning fog which threatened seriously to interfere with the arrangements for the fleet's entry and review.

Early and promptly at the hour set for the arrival of the fleet, a bluish haze and a puff of white smoke from the forward bridge of the Connecticut marked the beginning of a day of battles which would be remembered by the fleet and almost in the midst of the difficult maneuvering of swinging the ship into anchorage position a tribute to Washington's memory was not forgotten. Exactly at noon, in union with the cannon shots and the firing of the fleet, the fleet's arrival was marked by the firing of the fleet's guns. The fleet's arrival was marked by the firing of the fleet's guns. The fleet's arrival was marked by the firing of the fleet's guns.

Cabled Paragaphs

Berlin, Feb. 22.—In a continuation of the so-called "Jack the Ripper" attacks here, a woman, who had previously been rushed on February 16, was slightly wounded in the thigh this morning. The ripper escaped.

Tula, Russia, Feb. 22.—Six persons were crushed to death and thirty others seriously injured here today, during a fire which broke out in a theater. The fire of a machine caught fire, starting a rush of spectators for the exits.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22.—Laborers engaged in constructing the Canton-Hankow railway began rioting today because the way in some of the men who had been absent from work were withheld. Troops were called out to suppress the disorders and in a clash which ensued, twenty-five laborers were injured. Three soldiers are missing.

DEATH ON NIAGARA FALLS ICE BRIDGE

Man Suddenly Disappeared

Head-on Collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad

Wrecked Going to the Fleet

Cars Crowded With Passengers Bound for Hampton Roads—Two Passengers Injured—Accident at Delmar, Del.

German of Noble Birth

Claimed to See Vision of His Wife

Body Recovered by Park Employee

Connected Postmasters

Association of Letter Carriers

Annual Meeting Held at Hartford

Advent Christian Church

Joint Meeting of Sunday School Association and Local Workers

Retire to Smaller Papers

Newspaper Independence

Crowds Collecting

About a Florida Jail

Negro Led Three Stone and Killed a White Boy

Farewell Address Heard

Read in the Senate by McLaughlin and in the House by Boutell

The Vanguard Launched

Ex-Chief of Police of Danbury Dead

Barrow, England, Feb. 22.—The battleship Vanguard, the seventh vessel of the Dreadnought class, was successfully launched here at noon today. Mrs. Reginald McKenna, wife of the first lord of the admiralty, performing the ceremony of naming the vessel. Although the contract calls for the completion of the vessel a year hence, it is generally believed that the Vanguard will be ready before the end of 1909, more work having been done on this vessel before launching than on any other battleship.

Condensed Telegrams

A Boy Baby Was Found in a Confessional in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Harlem.

Burglars Blew Off the Vault Door of the Bank of California, N. J., but did not find anything of value.

King Alfonso Attended Mass at Pau

Despatches from Southwestern Russia say that over a hundred persons have perished in snowstorms. All traffic is blocked.

Leon Wachner of Milwaukee, a well known promoter of the German drama in America, died on the Twentieth Century Limited at Buffalo.

Funeral Services for Rear Admiral Charles S. Colton (retired) were held at Nice. The body will be cremated and the ashes brought to the United States on a warship.

The House of Representatives held a special session at which 13 speakers praised the career of the late Senator Alton B. Parker.

The Powers, Replying to a Note of protest from the port, said that Bulgaria would not remain excellent, and that no power could be dominant in the Balkans.

The Earl of Suffolk's Brother, who was badly frostbitten on a journey between his ranch and Brant, British Columbia, died on the way of returning to the ranch next fall.

Count Kato, Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, was said to have reason why Japan's relations with America should not remain excellent, and that no power could be dominant in the Balkans.

Emperor Ferdinand of Bulgaria arrived at Belgrade and was welcomed with the honors paid to royalty. He stepped forward in the cathedral at the funeral service for Grand Duke Vladimir and took precedence of the Austrian Archduke Friedrich.

RAINEY ARRAIGNED IN HOUSE

In Connection With His Panama Canal Statements.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A second speech by Mr. Rainey (Illinois), reiterating his former statements concerning the Panama canal, and a bitter arraignment of Mr. Rainey by Mr. Burton (Ohio) furnished the principal incidents in the house of representatives today.

Bluefields, W. Va., Feb. 22.—The mail car on a Norfolk and Western train, eastbound, while running at forty miles an hour by West Bluefields, W. Va., today, snatched a mail pouch from a stationary crane. On opening it in the house of representatives today, the mail pouch was found to contain one thousand nitro-glycerine caps. The train car, which was carrying a load of nitro-glycerine, was found to be empty.

CASTRO COMING BACK

Proposes to Become a Private Citizen in Venezuela.

Dresden, Feb. 22.—Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, is planning to return to that country and resume the duties of a private citizen. Some weeks ago he sent a letter to President Gomez setting forth his purpose to return and his willingness to accept the duties of a private citizen.

JEFF DAVIS' NAME RESTORED

To Stone Tablet on Cabin John Bridge, by Order of President.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Official attention was given today to the restoration of the name of Jefferson Davis to the stone tablet on Cabin John bridge, six miles west of this city, during the presidential inauguration.

OCEAN-GOING TUG BURNED.

Urbanus Dart Turns Turtle After Fire Off Roamer Shoal Beacon.

New York, Feb. 22.—The seven members of the crew of the sea-going tug Urbanus Dart and an exciting experience early today, when the tug caught fire and was burned to a cinder.

THREE WHITE MEN LYNNCHED

In Georgia as Result of Outrages Upon a White Woman.

Annual Banquet of Connecticut Alumni of Holy Cross College.

Retrial of Government's Standard Oil Indictment Begins Today.

Keys of City of New Orleans Turned Over to Rex.

REFUGEE FOR THE CONSUMPTIVE

In Simple Justice We Owe Him a Place of Refuge, Says Prominent New Haven Doctor.

HEARING ON THE TUBERCULOSIS BILL

In Connecticut House of Representatives—Why Treat the Consumptive as One Accused?—Strong Speech in Favor of Pushing the Campaign Toward Eradicating the Great White Plague.

Hartford, Feb. 22.—Dr. Stephen J. Maher of New Haven, at the hearing on the tuberculosis bill in the hall of the house of representatives at Hartford before the committee on human institutions, today, made a strong speech in favor of pushing the campaign toward eradicating consumption. He said:

Why Make an Outcast of the Consumptive?

"Governor Lilley has said in his inaugural address that if the present conditions persist, 100,000 of the people now alive in Connecticut will die of tuberculosis. We have all enlisted for the war against consumption, and we like to think ourselves as benefactors of mankind."

"As a matter of fact, all that we have done heretofore we have done to protect the state, rather than to protect the individual. But there is another side to the question. Because of our work, because of our incessant shouting about the contagiousness of the disease, the poor consumptive of Connecticut is dropped from the pay roll of office or factory months before he is able to get his work."

"We forbid his wife to kiss him. We forbid his children to play with him. We put him on public record as a danger to the community. We shrink from him in public places and gatherings. We refuse to let him work. We refuse to let him board houses to refuse him admission. We make an outcast of him."

"In simple justice we owe him a place of refuge. We owe him a place of refuge where he can get his work. We owe him a place of refuge where he can get his work. We owe him a place of refuge where he can get his work."

"Let the State Settle the Bill."

Senator E. H. Penn spoke, recommending that the state pay all the expenses of the hospital, and that the burden from the counties entirely."

Whole Country Looking to Connecticut

Dr. Foster alluded to a letter he had received from an eminent medical man of the state of New York, who was looking to Connecticut in this matter and around up with the statement that Connecticut people are queer but wonderful. He said that he had seen the bill and that he had seen the bill and that he had seen the bill."

Remarks by Dr. La Rue of Putnam

Dr. Omer La Rue of Putnam, another member of the commission, spoke on the subject of the bill, and said that he never before had seen a bill like this and that he did not think they would object to paying a tax for the care of the consumptive in the state."

New Britain Unqualifiedly Supports the Bill.

Dr. Braz of New Britain brought out the fact that the bill was a measure of the state, and that it was a measure of the state, and that it was a measure of the state."

How to Pay for the Work.

Senator Maher, who was the sponsor of the bill, called the attention of those present to the state of the finances of the commonwealth, and inquired what Mr. Maher had to say on the subject of the bill, if it was to be a proper course, if it was to be a proper course, if it was to be a proper course."

PROMINENT PROHIBITION WORKERS IN CONFERENCE

At Hartford Discuss Ways and Means for Promoting the Cause.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 22.—A state conference of prohibitionists was held this afternoon in Jewel hall. Among the speakers were Messrs. W. C. C. W. Chaffin, who was the presidential candidate last fall. There were about fifty prominent workers in attendance.

It was the opinion of some of those who spoke that the time was ripe for publication of a daily prohibition paper in this and other states. The opinion was expressed that it would be a success and would greatly aid the prohibition movement."

It is established the paper will not be devoted exclusively to the advertisement of prohibition, but will give the general news of the world. All advertisements relating to liquor will be barred from its columns. Town meetings, clubs, and other organizations are urged to get into organized action in the towns and cities where they live."

The annual banquet of the state and national committees, held tonight in the hall of the house of representatives, was largely attended. The general topic of the addresses was prohibition, discussed in three divisions: "The Prohibition of Liquor," "The Prohibition of Liquor," "The Prohibition of Liquor."

American Flag Waves in Rome.

Rome, Feb. 22.—American flags are waving today from all the American institutions in Rome, as well as many private houses in honor of Washington's birthday. Local peace societies held meetings at which resolutions in favor of the universal brotherhood of nations were adopted. Mr. Ambasciatore and Mrs. Griscom gave a brilliant reception to which all the Americans in Rome were invited."

KEEL OF THE UTAH LAID.

Tonnage 1,000 Tons Greater Than the Most Recent Dreadnaughts.